(c) On the basis of the montly per capita quantities of consumption of cereals and pulses for Bihar given in the National Sample Survey 61st Round (2004-05) Report and the population projections given by the Registrar General of India, the requirement of foodgrains in Bihar during 2006-07 is estimated at 17.24 million tonnes. As per the 3rd advance estimates released on 04.04.2007, foodgrains production in Bihar during 2006-07 is estimated at 9.89 million tonnes.

(d) Based on the procedure mentioned above, the requirement of foodgrains in Bihar during 2020-21 is estimated at 20.51 million tonnes.

Welfare of fishermen

2740. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of fishermen in the country, State-wise and UT-wise;

(b) whether Government have developed any system of marketing the fishes for ensuring the livelihood of the families entirely dependent upon fisheries in the regions like the Islands of Lakshadweep, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Goa, Kerala, Orissa, etc., and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are preparing the guidelines in the rationing system to ensure kerosene oil to the fishermen families for the use of fishing purposes; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN): (a) A Statement indicating State-wise and UT-wise information on fishermen population in the country is (given below).

(b) Under the component "Strengthening of Post Harvest Infrastructure" of Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Development of Marine Fisheries, the assistance is extended to all the States/UT including the Islands of Lakshadweep, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Goa, Kerala and Orissa on need basis for development of fish preservation, storage and marketing infrastructure *i.e.* retail vending kiosks, aqua shops, insulated/refrigerated vehicles, auto rickshaws with ice box. fish display cabinets etc.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Statement

Fishermen Population, 2003

SI. No.	State	Total Number of members			
		Male	Female	Children	Total
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	Andhra Pradesh	249386	250877	393102	893365
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	1650	1376	1373	4399
3.	Assam	131312	97986	161082	390380
4.	Bihar	1391166	1266997	2301353	4959516
5.	Chhattisgarh	621607	529697	760064	1911368
6.	Goa	5521	4863	3586	13970
7.	Gujarat	134475	129900	228880	493255
8.	Haryana	5910	3322	7259	16491
9.	Himachal Pradesh	1537	1372	2713	5622
10.	Jammu & Kashmir	9628	7593	13232	30453
11.	Jharkhand	577908	571584	781428	1930920
12.	Karnataka	55809	52898	50245	158952
13.	Kerala	224007	317758	206072	747837
14.	Madhya Pradesh	213888	200607	302479	716974
15.	Maharashtra	63354	46603	61873	171830
16.	Manipur	25009	24091	21368	70468
17.	Meghalaya	525	504	1354	2383
18.	Mizoram	5498	5312	7097	17907
19.	Nagaland	5762	5519	3581	14862
20.	Orissa	70971	48334	60721	180026
21.	Punjab	2150	1874	5061	9085
22.	Rajasthan	2638	1693	2985	7316
23.	Sikkim	9893	8353	8568	26814
24.	Tamil Nadu	171992	156107	148519	476618
25.	Tripura	15966	13177	17590	46733
26.	Uttar Pradesh	70373	48892	59799	179064
27.	Uttaranchal	32	23	35	90
28.	West Bengal	587214	205198	119210	911622
29.	Andaman & Nicobar	9859	7693	0	17552
30.	Chandigarh	198	109	172	479

1	2	3	4	5	6
31.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	0	0	0	0
32.	Daman & Diu	7649	7756	10080	25485
33.	Delhi	485	475	1555	2515
34.	Lakshadweep	10408	2621	. 0	13029
35.	Pondicherry	12378	12799	12797	37974
	TOTAL:	4696158	4033963	5755233	14485354

Source: 17th Livestock Census 2003.

Agriculture Year

2741. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal to declare 2007-08 as an Agriculture Year;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) to (c) No, Sir. Government has not received any proposal to declare 2007-08 as an Agriculture Year.

Performance of KCC at Jaipur

2742. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether only thirteen Kisan Call Centres are located in different parts of the country, including one at Jaipur in Rajasthan;

(b) whether said Call Centres would be adequate to provide information to the farmers throughout the country and to the largest desert State of Rajasthan; and

(c) what has been their performance/output during 2006-07 and whether it would be termed as satisfactory?